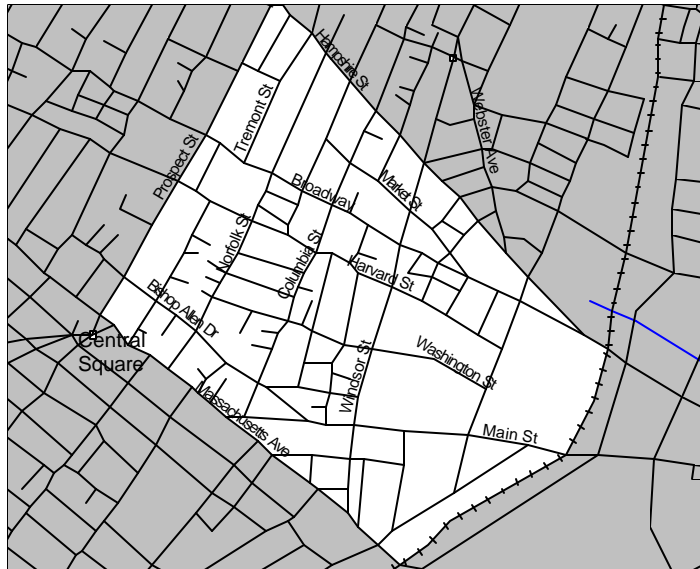
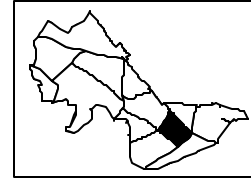


# NEIGHBORHOOD 4

## AREA 4



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

**POPULATION:** 6,560 residents  
2,523 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and parts of Central square walking route 10X.

### 2001 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

**Housebreaks** more than doubled this quarter. Five of the thirty-three incidents this quarter were attempted breaks, and the remaining incidents suffered losses of various electronics such as laptops and desktop computers, as well as jewelry and cash. • **Street robberies** resulted in the loss of cash. Five out of the eleven incidents were done with the use of force, including a knife and/or gun. • Even though it is a slight decline, the number of **auto thefts** decreased by 2%, with Broadway seeing most of the action in Area 4. • Where auto theft decreases, **larcenies from motor vehicles** usually follow, however this quarter, the number of larcenies increased by 20 incidents. Similarly, **malicious destruction** follows the patterns set by larcenies and thefts, although it only increased by 3 incidents this quarter, following no pattern. • After targeting street level drug dealing in response to citizen complaints in 2000, **drug arrests** have dropped off considerably in Area 4 in 2001. Fourteen arrests were made in Area 4 in 1999—accounting for one of the busiest neighborhoods—which severely crippled the drug trade.

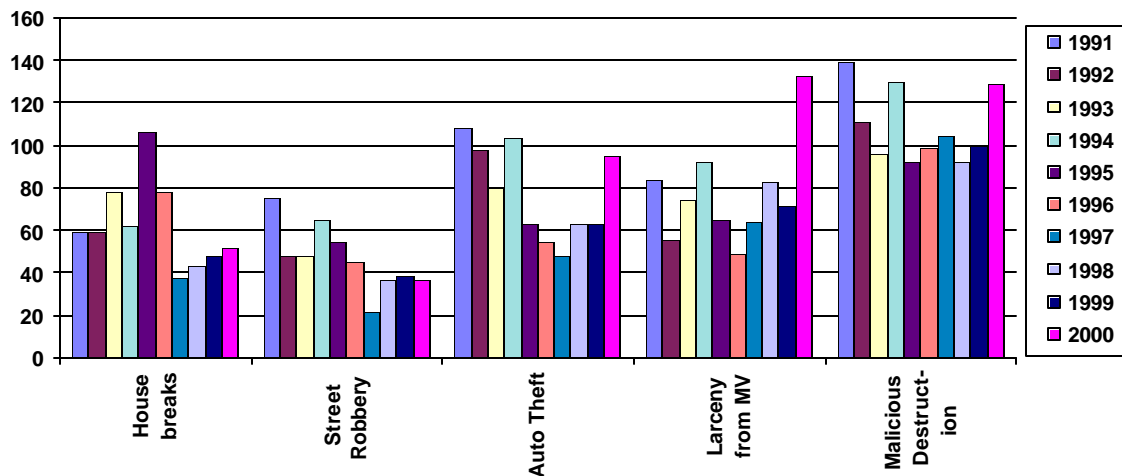
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2000	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	18	33	+ 83%
Street Robbery	14	11	- 21%
Auto Theft	43	42	- 2%
Larceny from MVs	45	65	+ 44%
Malicious Destruction	57	60	+ 5%
Drug Arrests	14	8	- 43%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less than average residential population (among Cambridge neighborhoods), coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue. Multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings, and 2 public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms) distinguish this neighborhood from all others.

- As the numbers denote, Area 4 has earned the top rank among all 13 neighborhoods for street robbery over the past 20 years. The most recent incidents (i.e., those occurring between October and December of 2000) totaled 13.
- In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and thorough policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in preventing many potential drug incidents in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average, moving from the fifth to the third highest rank among Cambridge neighborhoods over the past 20 years. Area 4 is often a prime target, due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, The Crime Analysis Unit identifies several discernable housebreak patterns that emerge throughout each year.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	2
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	1
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	1
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	1
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	1